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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

June 4, 2003

In re application of : PAYTON, Kevin L.
Serial No. : 09/833,898
Filed : April 12, 2001
For : **SKELETAL TRANSMUCOSAL ORTHODONTIC PLATE AND METHOD**
Examiner : Wilson, John J.
Art Unit : 3732
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AMENDMENT

TECHNOLOGY CENTER R3700

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Action mailed February 5, 2003, applicant submits this Amendment and requests an extension of time to respond, until June 5, 2003. The applicant's fee for the one month extension of time is enclosed.

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 2, and 3.

Amend claims 1, 11 and 14 as follows:

SubD7

1. (Currently Amended) An orthodontic system for use as a bone anchor in conjunction with orthodontic appliances to treat malalignment of teeth, said system comprising: